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The examiner has considered the included Information Disclosure Citations (Forms PTO-A820), filed 4/26/2007 and 12/6/2004. The prior art cited on the respective Information Disclosure Citation forms does not appear to affect the allowability of the present application 10/721,751 (in which a Notice of Allowance was mailed on 3/13/2007). Since the PTO-A820 form submitted on 3/23/2007 is merely a duplicate of the (now considered) PTO-A820 form submitted on 12/6/2004, the examiner has initialed the 12/6/2004 submission and drawn lines through the 3/23/2007 submission.

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